

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 03-08-17**

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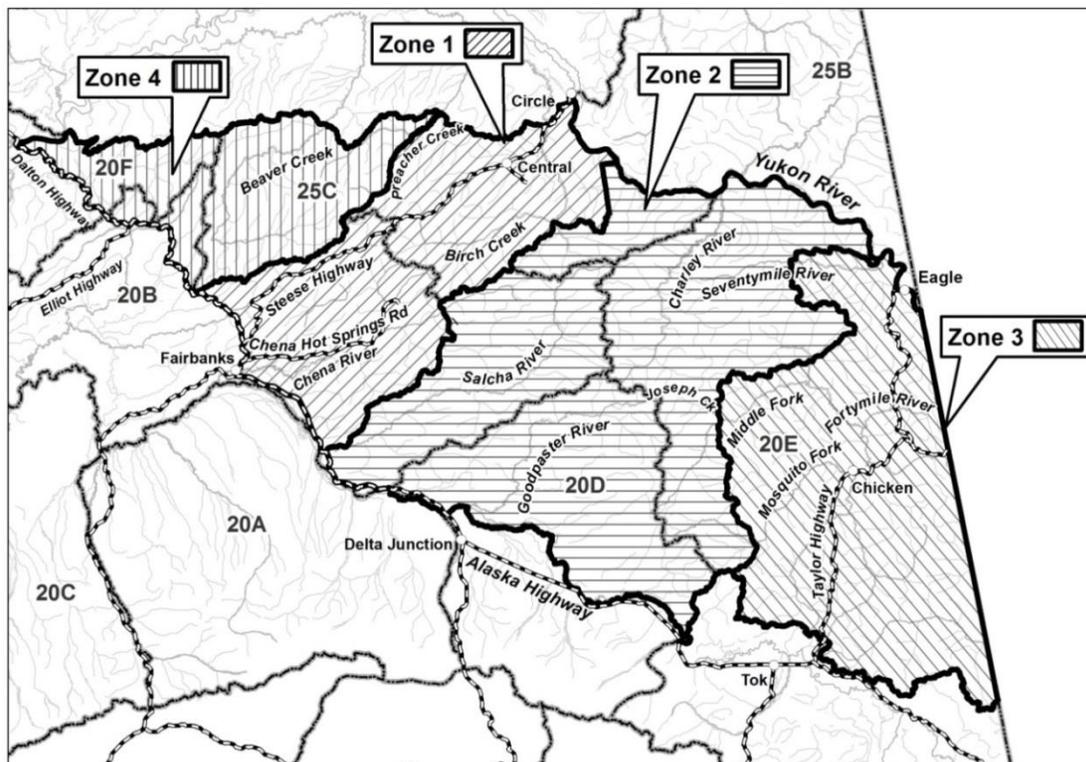
**Effective Date:** 12:01 A.M.  
November 25, 2017

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2018  
unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

State registration permit hunt RC867 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order reopens zone 1 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area. Zone 1, was previously opened by emergency order for 4 days (November 17–20). This is located in portions of Game Management Units 20B and 25C.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are affected by this emergency order.



**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(15)		
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Unit 20(B), that portion within the Chatanika River drainage north and west of the Steese Highway, and that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage.		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 29–Aug. 30 Nov. 17–Nov. 20	
1 caribou by registration permit only	Nov. 25–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 10–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Aug. 30
Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway within the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage.		

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions north and west of the Steese Highway, north and east of the Elliott Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then east of the Dalton Highway and south of the Yukon River, excluding the Chatanika River drainage.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(B) 1 bull	Aug. 10–Sept. 20	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 20D, that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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**Units and Bag Limits**

Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, and the drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile and Yukon Rivers.

**Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident  
Open Season**

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only, or  
1 caribou by registration permit only;  
or

Aug. 10–Sept. 30  
Nov. 17–Mar. 31

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by  
youth hunt drawing permit only; or

Aug. 10–Aug. 21

1 bull by registration permit only, or  
1 caribou by registration permit only;  
or

Aug. 29–Sept. 30  
Nov. 11–Nov. 13

1 caribou by registration permit only

Nov. 17–Mar. 31

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by  
youth hunt drawing permit only; or

Aug. 10–Aug. 21

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29–Sept. 20

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 25(C), that portion east of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then east of the east bank of American Creek, excluding that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and excluding that portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve.		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 29–Aug. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 20	
1 caribou by registration permit only	Nov. 25–Mar. 31	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 10–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Aug. 30
Unit 25(C), that portion within the drainage of South Fork Birch Creek and that portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve.		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31	

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 25(C), that portion west of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then west of the east bank of American Creek.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25%, plus any surplus from the fall quota, to the winter hunt. The winter quota is divided between the 2 road-accessible portions of the hunt area, the Steese Highway–Chena Hot Springs area in Units 20B and 25C (zone 1) and the Taylor Highway area in Unit 20E (zone 3). Sixty percent of the harvest quota is allocated to the road-accessible zone with the most caribou within reach of hunters immediately prior to the season opening.

During the recent 4 day (November 17–20) hunt in zone 1, harvest was well below the winter quota of 600 caribou for this zone. In addition, caribou have dispersed away from the Steese Highway over the past week reducing the likelihood of a rapid harvest. Therefore, the RC867 winter Fortymile registration hunt in zone 1 will reopen on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:01 am and remain open until the quota is met.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeffrey A. Gross  
Area Biologist

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